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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 26, 2002, be extended for two months to and including December 26, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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